

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Mr. Matthew B. Pagels, President 12837 Route 438 Cattaraugus Territory Seneca Nation of Indians Irving, NY 14081

Re: Response to Comments submitted by the Seneca Nation of Indians on Proposed UIC Permit

Issuance to Roulette Oil & Gas, LLC: PAS2D050BPOT

Dear President Pagels:

On March 8, 2021, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III (the Region) received the comments that the Seneca Nation of Indians (the Nation) provided regarding the issuance of the proposed Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit (PAS2D050BPOT) to Roulette Oil & Gas located in Clara Township, Potter County, Pennsylvania.

The Region understands the concerns that the Nation has regarding the proposed injection activity and the importance of the Allegheny River and its headwaters to the Nation's culture. The Region has provided detailed responses to these comments in the enclosed document.

A final permit decision has not been made by EPA and the Response to Comments to the public is forthcoming. The Region will provide the Nation with our response to public comments and our permit decision, once final.

If the Nation would like to further discuss the draft permit, please contact Mr. Kevin Rowsey at rowsey.kevin@epa.gov or 215-814-5463. We thank you for your patience and consideration in this

matter.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Libertz, Director Water Division

Enclosure: Response to Comments of the Seneca Nation

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